to time, to give more focussed attention to the improvement of Administration of Criminal Justice System and take such measures as are necessary for the prevention of crime. The Central Government has also been providing financial assistance,to the State Governments for improving their policing infrastructure.

Fencing on Chamb-Madhopur Sector

4774. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistani forces have been very active in the sector from Pulanwala in the Chamb Sector to Madhopur on (he Jammu and Kashmir and Kashmir-Punjab border;

(b) whether this sector was prone to be ""most used" by Pakistan's ISI for its high voltage infiltration;

(c) if so, whether Government arc considering for electric fencing for 195 Kms. border; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The area from Pulanwala to Madhopur is partly fenced. There have been stray incidents of infiltration from this sector in Jammu and Kashmir.

(c) and (d) Government have recently decided to adopt a multi-modal approach for erecting an obstacle system on the International Border in Jammu Sector to check infiltration and smuggling of weapons/explosives, etc. This project is expected to be completed in about one and a half year's time.

Latest strategy to combat militancy in J and K

4775. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to stale:

(a) whether Government have drawn any latest strategy to combat militancy in Jammu and Kashmir Slate; and

(b) if so, the details thereof'.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is continuing with its multi-pronged strategy to counter terrorist and separatist violence in Jammu and Kashmir by deepening of the democratic process, accelerating

economic development, isolating the foreign mercenaries and terrorists inside J and K and playing a pro-active role to neutralize them.

Assessment of extremist organisations

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS he pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that several extremist organisations arc active in various States;

(b) if so, the names of the extremist organisations alongwith the names of the States where they are active;

(c) whether Government have made an assessment of the strength of these extremist organisations; and

id) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a)and (b) The major concerns in this regard centre around Pakistan sponsored terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir and subversive activities of militant groups in some States of the North East. There are also reports that some militant groups are under pressure to revive militancy in Punjab. As per available information, the following are the major terrorist/ extremist outfits operating in the country:—

1. Hizb-ul-Mujahideen
2. Harkat-ul-Mujahideen
3. Lashkar-e-Toiba
4. Al-Barq
5. Jammu and Kashmir Liberation Front
6. Al-Jehad
7. Jamait-ul-Mujahideen
8. Tehrik-ul-Mujahideen
9. Tehrik-e-Jehad
10. Al-Badar
11. Harkat-ul-Jehad-e-Islami
12. Al-Umar

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